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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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A copy of an Office Action in a foreign counterpart application along with an English translation is also submitted herewith. Also, it is noted that the one (1) reference (Japanese Patent application Publication No. 9-243401A) cited in the Office Action in the foreign counterpart Application was previously listed on the PTO/SB/08 form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 20, 2006, along with a copy of the foreign reference.

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